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SUBJECT: DUTCH ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH PRC

1. MINECON DIRGEN VAN OORSCHOT, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM HIS SECOND TRIP TO PEKING, TELLS US THAT AGREEMENT HAS NOW BEEN REACHED ON DUTCH-PRC MIXED COMMISSION TO MEET ANNUALLY TO DISCUSS TRADE MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. AGREEMENT DOES NOT COVER TECHNICAL COOPERATION WHICH MAY BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE EC ARRANGEMENT LATER.

2. WHILE VAN OORSCHOT DESCRIBED HIS CONTACTS WITH PRC OFFICIALS AS UNIFORMLY CORDIAL HE WAS BEMUSED BY FACT THAT IT

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TOOK CHINESE FULL WEEK TO DECIDE WHETHER SURINAM AND ANTILLES

SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN AGREEMENT AND REPRESENTED ON MIXED COMMISSION. FINAL DECISION WAS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE BUT THAT DUTCH WOULD INTERCEDE ON THEIR BEHALF IF ANY PROBLEMS OR OPPORTUNITIES SHOULD ARISE IN THEIR TRADE WITH PRC.

3. VAN OORSCHOT ADDED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT MINISTER LUBBERS HAS JUST BEEN AUTHORIZED BY DUTCH CABINET TO MAKE ONE WEEK TRIP TO PEKING, LEAVING NOV 17. THIS WILL BE FIRST VISIT BY DUTCH MINISTER TO RED CHINA AND IS BASICALLY FOR PROTOCOL PURPOSES ONLY ALTHOUGH MINISTER WILL OFFICIATE AT OPENING OF DUTCH EXHIBIT AT LOCAL TRADE FAIR AT CANTON. DECISION WAS DIFFICULT ONE FOR CABINET AND LUBBERS, BECAUSE OF RECENT BREAKDOWN IN DUTCH LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, EVOLVING OIL CRISIS, AND CURRENT PARLIAMENTARY CONSIDERATION OF MINECON BUDGET, BUT CABINET, APPARENTLY FELT IT WORTHWHILE TO SIEZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP CLOSER ECONOMIC TIES WITH PRC.  
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